

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 9, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 5, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 5, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The distillation installation shown in this figure comprises a separator or concentrator of oxygen of known type, designated overall by the reference numeral 2. This concentrator, which permits a separation of the oxygen and the nitrogen contained in the air typically using molecular sieves, particularly zeolites, of a type known per se. This concentrator

supplies at its outlet, air enriched in oxygen with an oxygen content preferably between 60 and 95%, typically between 80 and 93%, at a low pressure typically comprised between 1.5 and 2.5 bars gauge.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When the predetermined rerouting altitude is reached, typically above 5,000 meters, preferably between 6,000 to 8,000 meters, the ~~detector~~ altimeter 26 causes the swinging of the three-way valve 14, which then places in communication the line 20 with the concentrator 2, via the line 10. In this way, the masks receive, via the supply line 20 and its branch 22, a second fraction of air enriched in oxygen, supplied by the concentrator 2.--